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DEALS WITH FICTIONALIZED HISTORY,
SO READERS ARE KINDLY REQUESTED
TO KEEP THAT IN MIND. THANK YOU.**

THE 1930S.

GYEONGSEONG.



AT THAT
PLACE...

THERE WAS
AN APARTMENT.





저벅

BACK TO WHAT
I WAS SAYING, I CAN
TELL YOU THAT THE
APARTMENT YOU'RE
GOING TO VIEW
THIS TIME...

저벅

IS ONE OF THE
BEST FACILITIES
IN GYEONGSEONG,
NO... IN JOSEON.

저벅

저희

I SWEAR,

I CAN ALMOST
GUARANTEE
YOU THAT.

EVEN ITS
NAME SOUNDS
LUXURIOUS-

MODERN APARTMENT

GYEONGSEONG 1930

TL/N: Gyeongseong was the sino-korean name for Seoul during the Joseon period. The 1920s saw a shift from the Joseon dynasty to the modern society that we see now.

JUST BY
LOOKING AT
THE FIRST FLOOR
LOBBY, IT'S VALUE
IS CLEAR.

ISN'T
THAT SO?

THERE IS
A SOCIAL HALL,
AN ENTERTAINMENT
ROOM, A RESTAURANT,
AND A PUBLIC
BATHHOUSE...

IN ADDITION
TO THAT, IF YOU
TAKE A LOOK AT ALL
OF THE RESIDENTS,
YOU'LL SEE HOW
DISTINGUISHED
THEY ARE!

FROM MILITARY
OFFICERS TO
SCHOLARS, AND
EVEN BUSINESS-
MEN...

THIS IS A PLACE
WHERE KEY SOCIAL
FIGURES WOULD
CHOOSE TO LIVE.



HMM... YES,
I'VE HEARD THAT
MANY PEOPLE OF
THE UPPER-CLASS
LIVE IN THIS
APARTMENT.

ONE IT IS AN



YES, OF
COURSE~

YOU DON'T NEED
TO CONCERN
YOURSELF ABOUT
THAT PLACE.



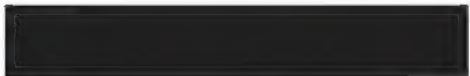
THAT
OUTHOUSE
IS JUST...

A "PART" THAT EXISTS
ONLY TO MAINTAIN THE
FUNCTIONALITY OF THE
MAIN BUILDING FROM
TIME TO TIME.

IT'S MERELY
AN INN,



WHERE PEOPLE
DEFEATED BY LIFE
GATHER.





A close-up illustration of a person with dark hair, wearing a white shirt. Their hand is raised to their mouth, with fingers slightly curled. The background is a soft, out-of-focus pinkish-red.

I'M FROM
THE OUTHOUSE,
I'M IN CHARGE
OF HEATING.

A close-up illustration of a person with dark hair, wearing a white shirt. Their hand is raised to their mouth, with fingers slightly curled. The background is a soft, out-of-focus pinkish-red.

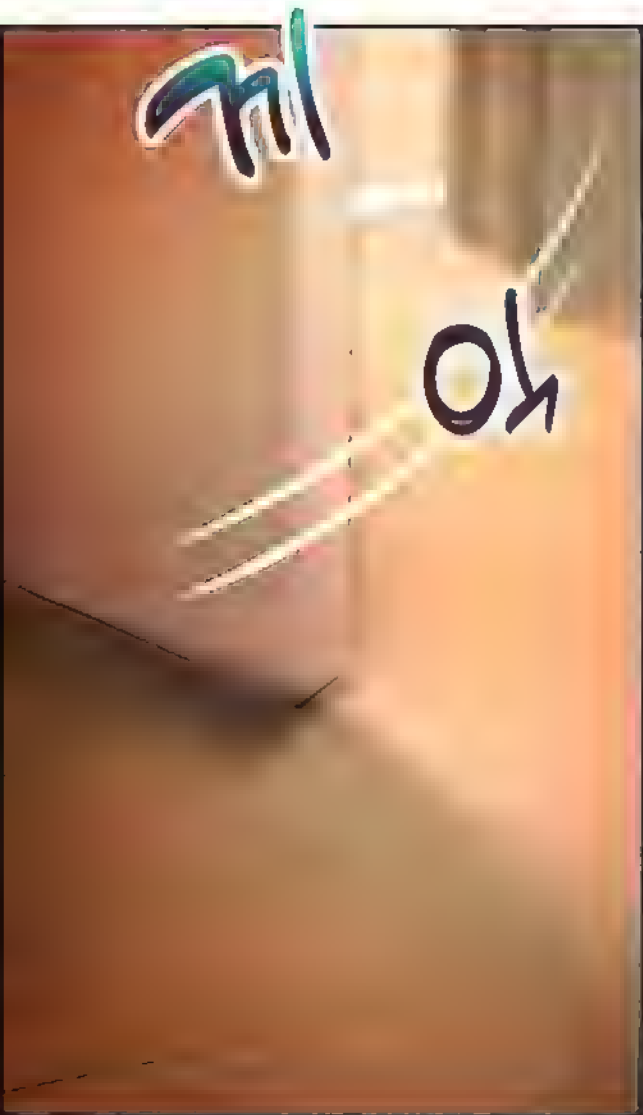
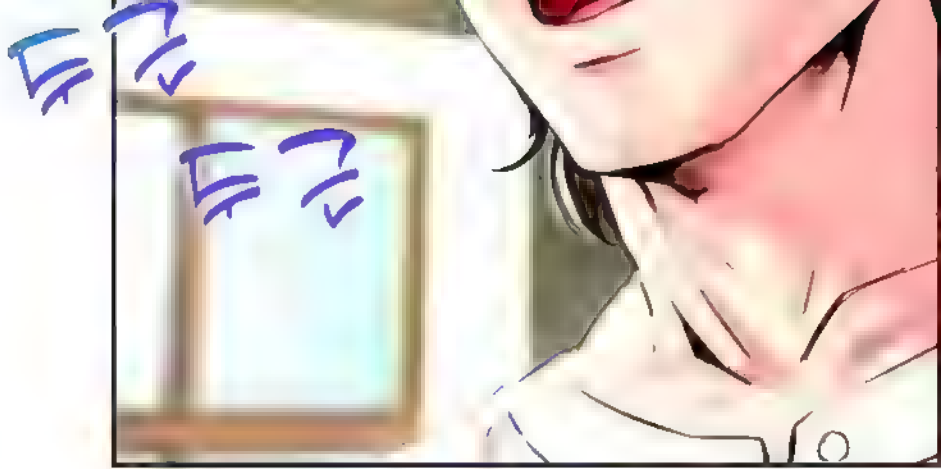
I HEARD
THERE WAS NO
HOT WATER SO I
CAME TO REPAIR
THE GAS VALVE.

A full-body illustration of a person with dark hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with rolled-up sleeves and dark pants. They are holding a large, open black toolbox in front of them with both hands. The background is a warm, orange-brown interior space with a framed picture on the wall.

SOMEONE'S
INSIDE THERE,
RIGHT?







TLIL

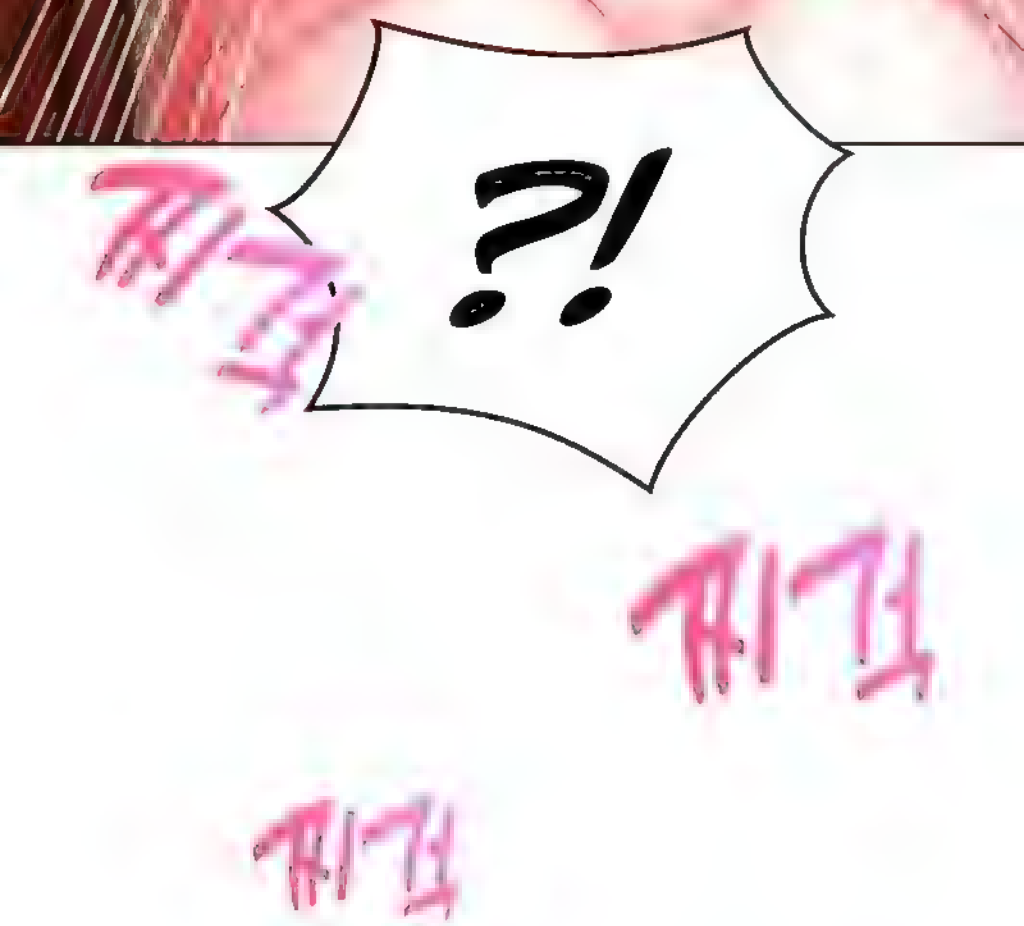
HUH?

TLIL

YOU'RE
LATE, YOU
KNOW.

I CALLED
YOU A WHILE
AGO, AND



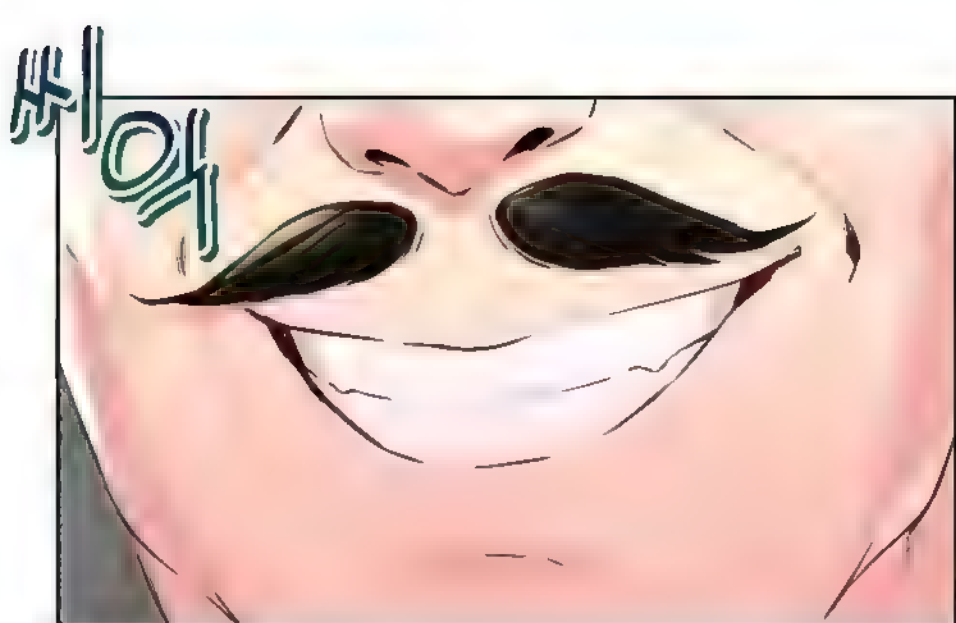




QUICKLY...

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BEFORE
ANYONE
SEES...

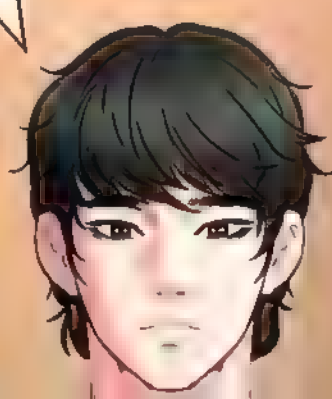


HHNGG-?!!











IT'S ALWAYS
LIKE THIS.

THEM...

...AND US.

IN OTHER WORDS,
THEY DON'T EVEN CARE
ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF
JOSEON.

**IT'S
AS IF...**

**IT WAS
NATURAL.**

TH-THEN,
I'LL JUST GET
STARTED ON
THE REPAIRS.





HAHAHA... THE
MORE I THINK ABOUT
IT, THE MORE IT GIVES
ME A HEADACHE.

HOW SHOULD I PUT
THIS...? WE LET THEM
OUT IN THE GARDEN
AND RAISE THEM...

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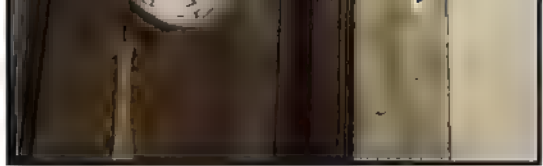
ARE THEY
TREATED LIKE CATS
AND DOGS?

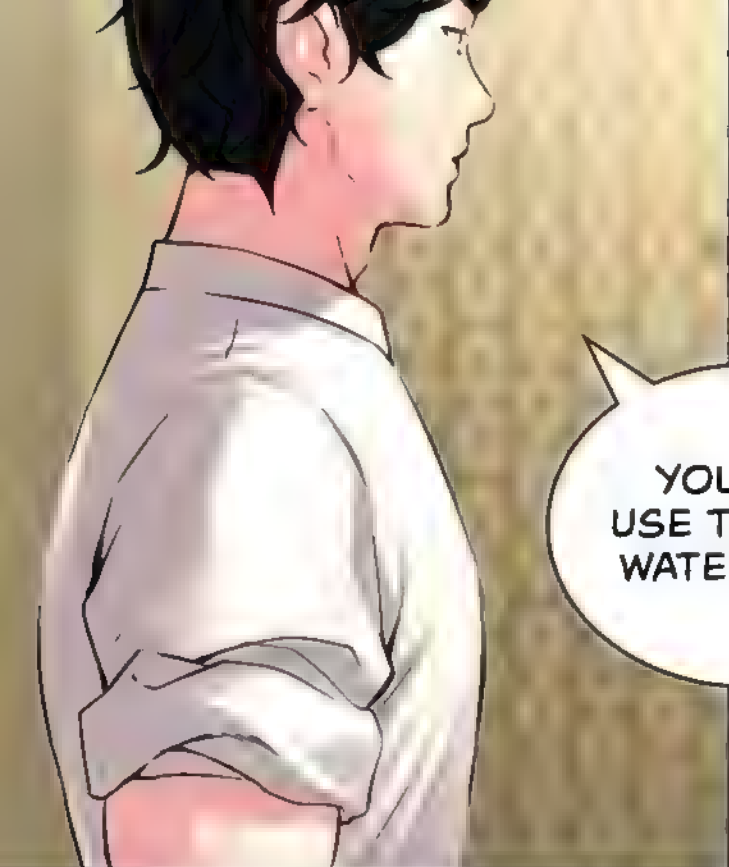
...THAT'S
NOT IT.

DOGS
AND CATS
WILL BE LOVED
AT LEAST.

IIH







YOU CAN
USE THE HOT
WATER NOW.

GOOD, IF
YOU'RE DONE
THEN... NGH!

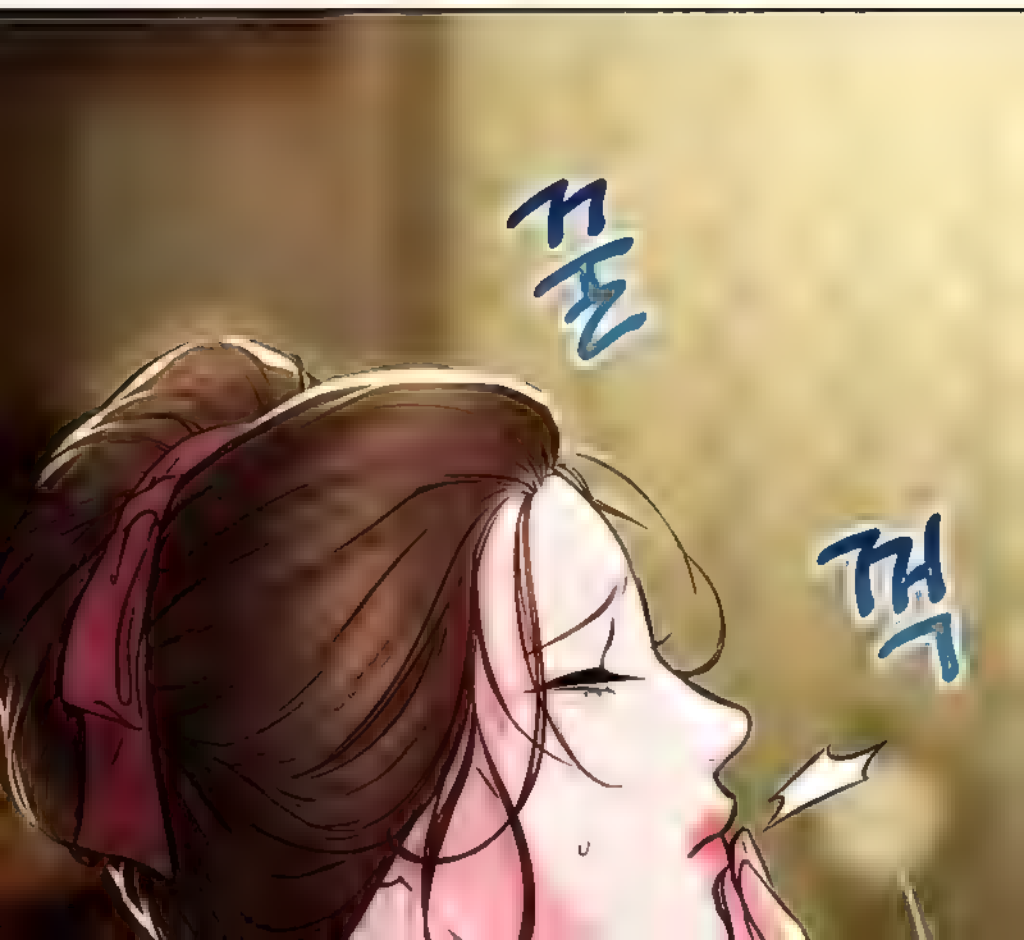
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OUT!!!

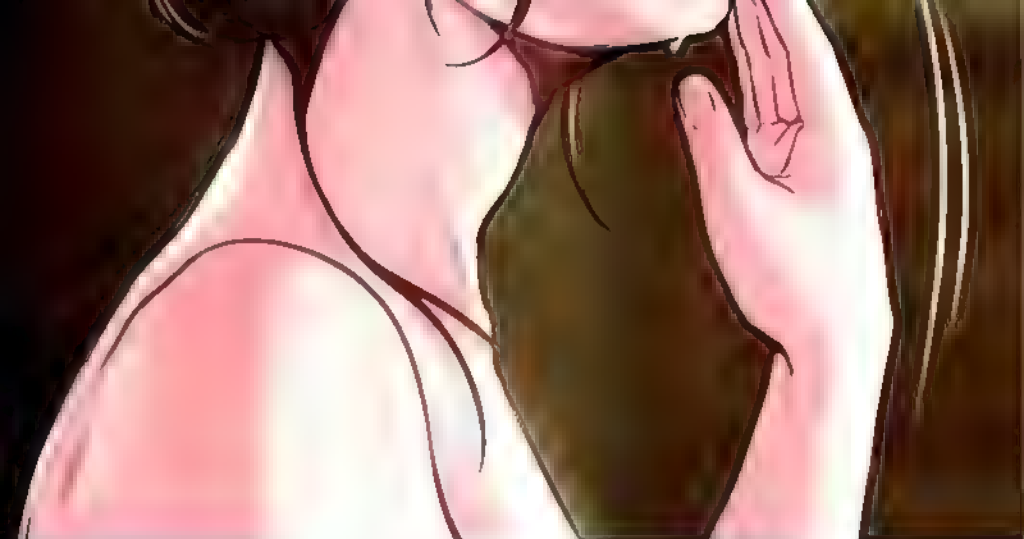


RIGHT NOW
IS IMPOR
I'M

HNGH??!!







OH GOSH~



SUZUKI-SAN~

I SAID
TO TELL ME
BEFORE YOU
CUM~!

HAHAHA,
I'M SORRY.

NOW THAT THE
HOT WATER HAS
BEEN FIXED-

SHALL WE
TAKE A BATH
TOGETHER?

OH, IS
THERE REALLY A
WESTERN-STYLE
BATHTUB HERE?

THAT'S
RIGHT.

IT WAS ACTUALLY
A BATHTUB USED BY A
BRITISH ARISTOCRAT THAT
I BOUGHT FOR 3,000
YEN AT A WESTERN
AUCTION.





WOW~ IS THAT
REALLY TRUE?

* At the time, the average monthly wage
for people in South Korea was about 60 yen.

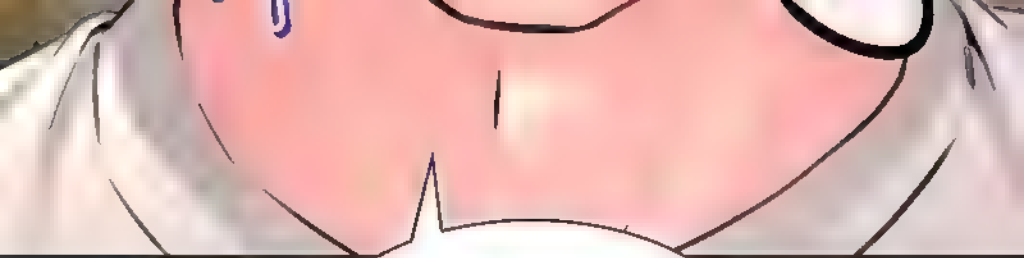


Hahaha.

Kyaaa~♡

3000 YEN...





A close-up of a character's face, showing a pinkish-red complexion and a small blue mark on the forehead. The character is looking down, and a speech bubble is positioned below their chin.

THAT'S
NOT EVEN
FUNNY.



A vertical shot of a three-story brick building with white window frames. A blue sky with a white railing is visible at the top. A speech bubble is positioned above the building.

IT'S BEEN 2 YEARS
SINCE I MOVED UP
TO GYEONGSEONG.



A close-up of a building's exterior, showing a white railing and a brick wall. A speech bubble is positioned above the railing.

AND IT'S
BEEN...

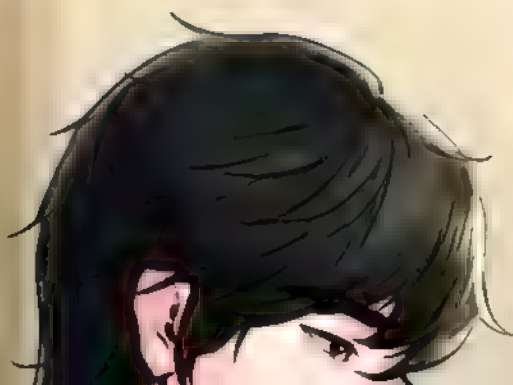


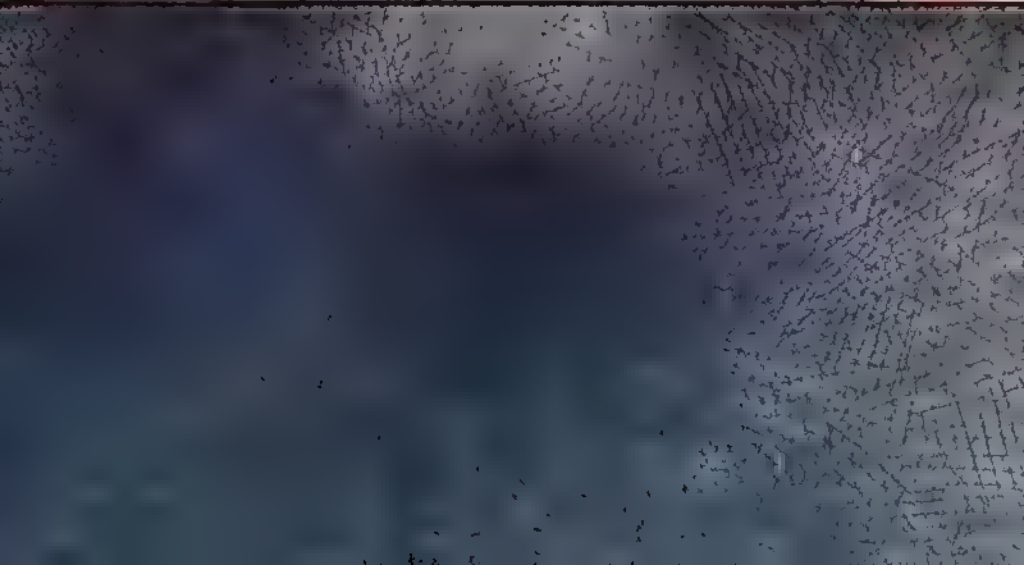
1 YEAR AND 6 MONTHS
SINCE I BECAME THE
MANAGER OF THIS
MODERN APARTMENT.



OOH~

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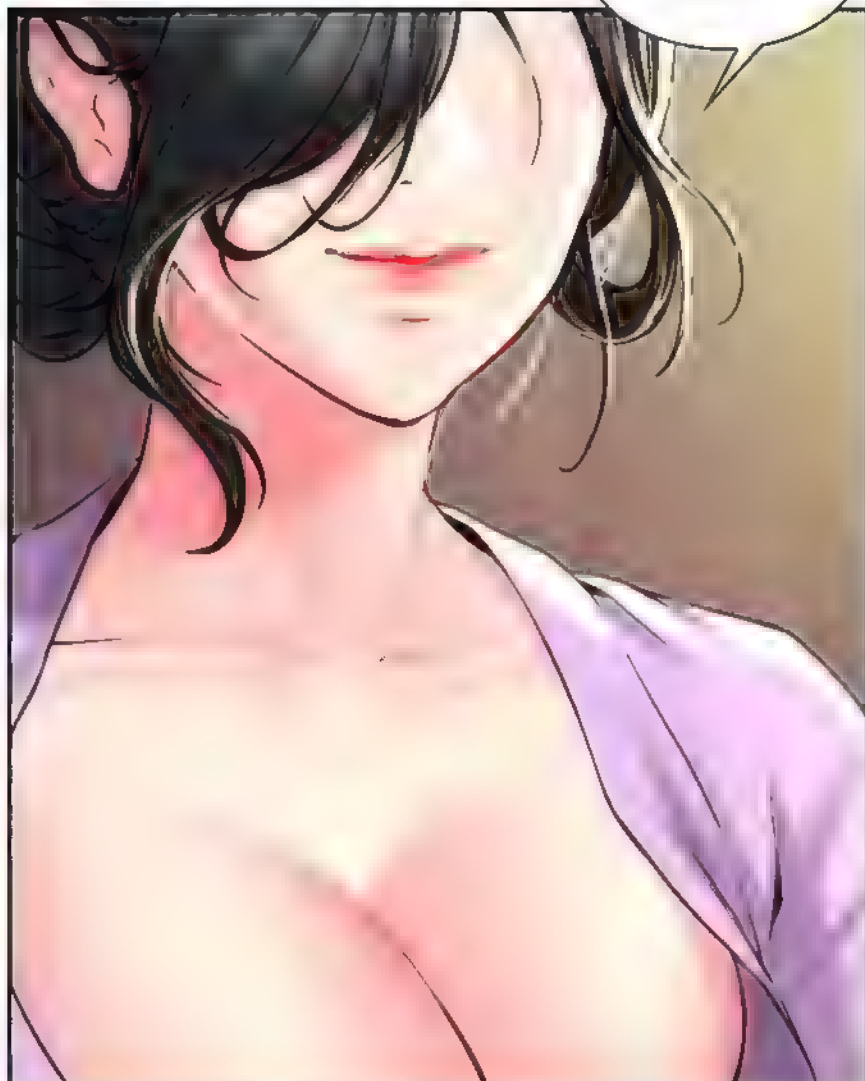




JUST
ONE YEAR, IF
I CAN ENDURE
THAT...



FOUND
YOU.

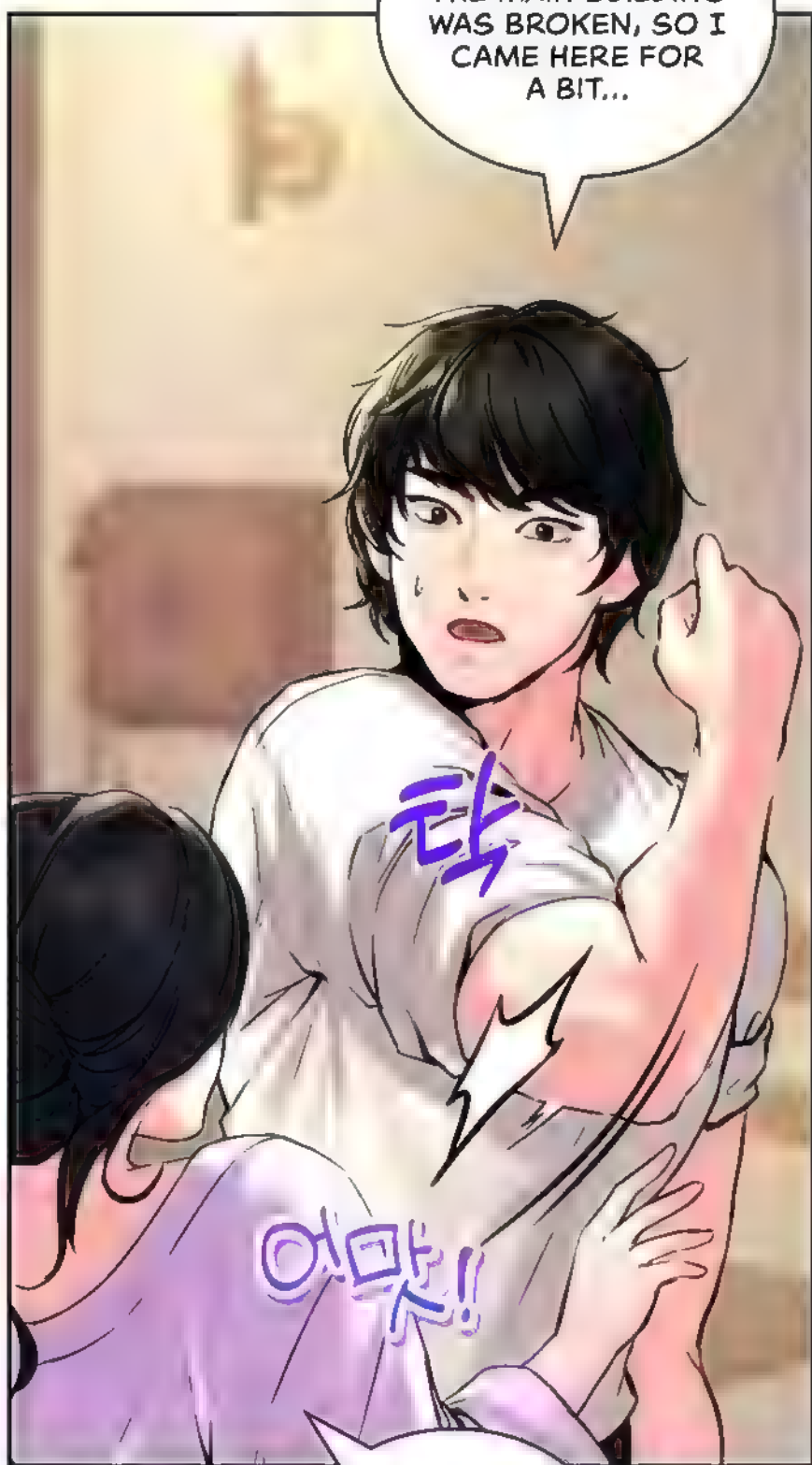






AH, NO.

THE BOILER IN
THE MAIN BUILDING
WAS BROKEN, SO I
CAME HERE FOR
A BIT...



THE
BOILER?

MUST
BE NICE...

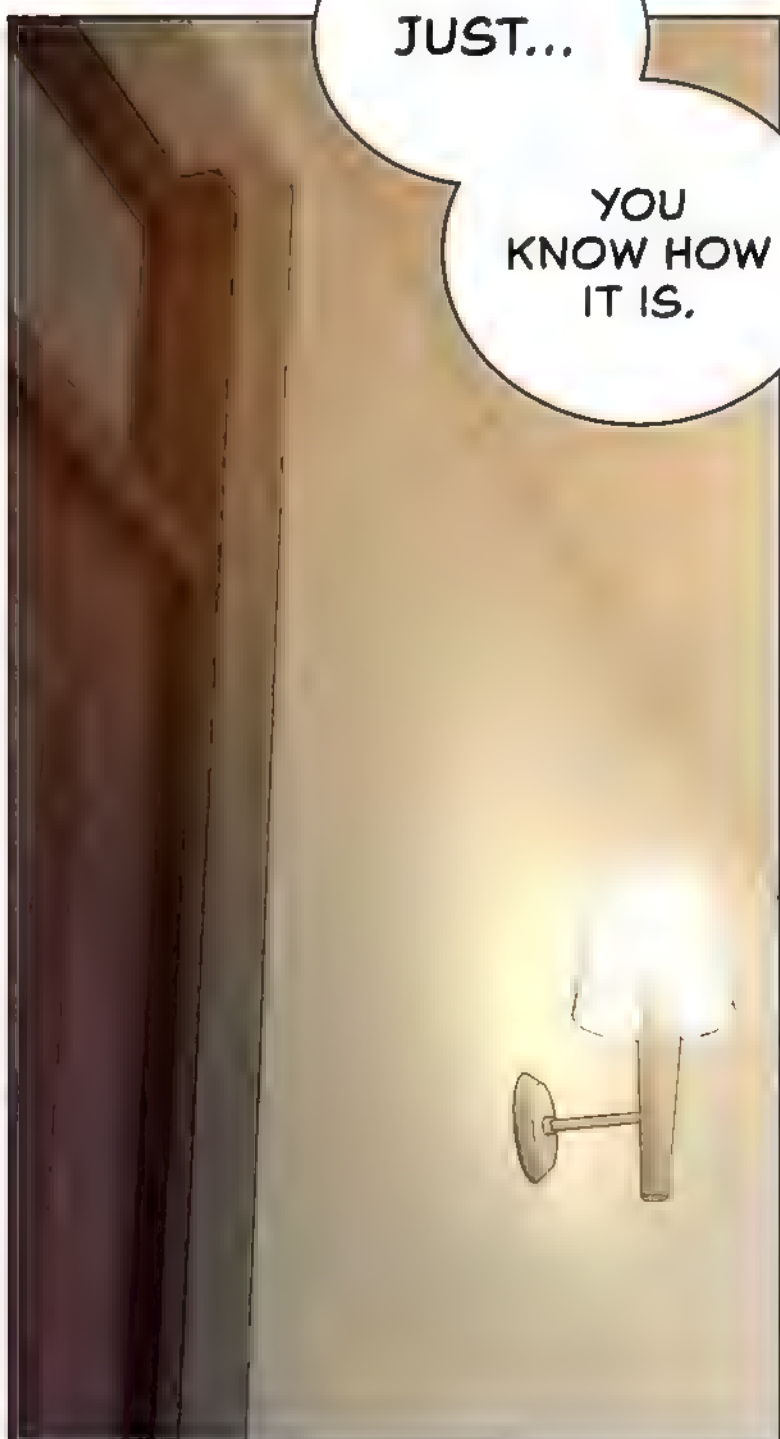
WHAT IS?

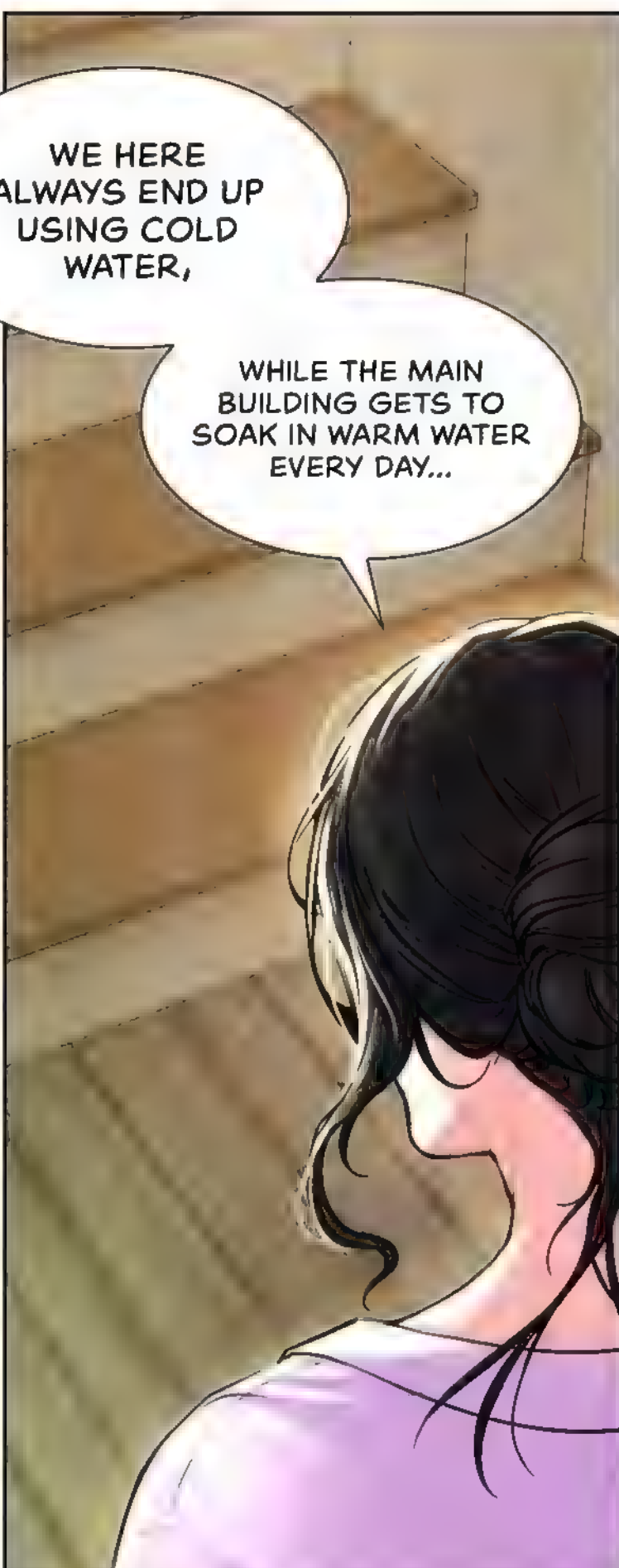




JUST...

YOU
KNOW HOW
IT IS.





WE HERE
ALWAYS END UP
USING COLD
WATER,

WHILE THE MAIN
BUILDING GETS TO
SOAK IN WARM WATER
EVERY DAY...

WELL,
THAT'S...



HEY,
DON'T BE
LIKE THAT!

CAN'T WE GET
SOME SPARE
FIREFWOOD OR
SOMETHING?





TL/N. Sento is a public bathhouse.



IF YOU
HELP...

THERE MIGHT
BE SOMETHING
PLEASURABLE...

WAITING
FOR YOU?

!!

BUT STILL,
WHAT'S NOT
ALLOWED
IS NOT
ALLOWED!

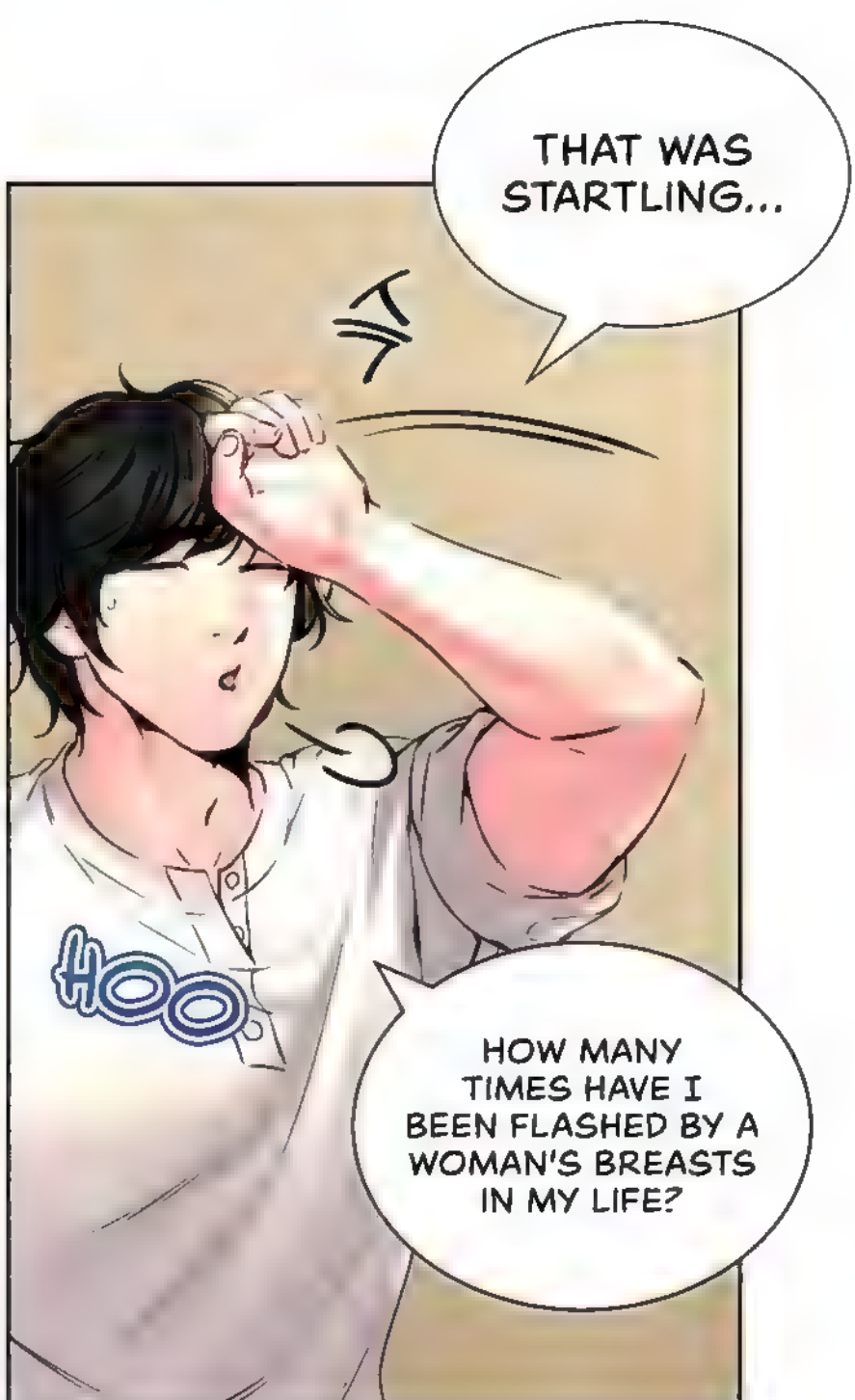
I HAVE
THINGS TO
DO, SO I'LL
GET GOING
GOING!

Feeling shy.
I seen

후!

HOO...

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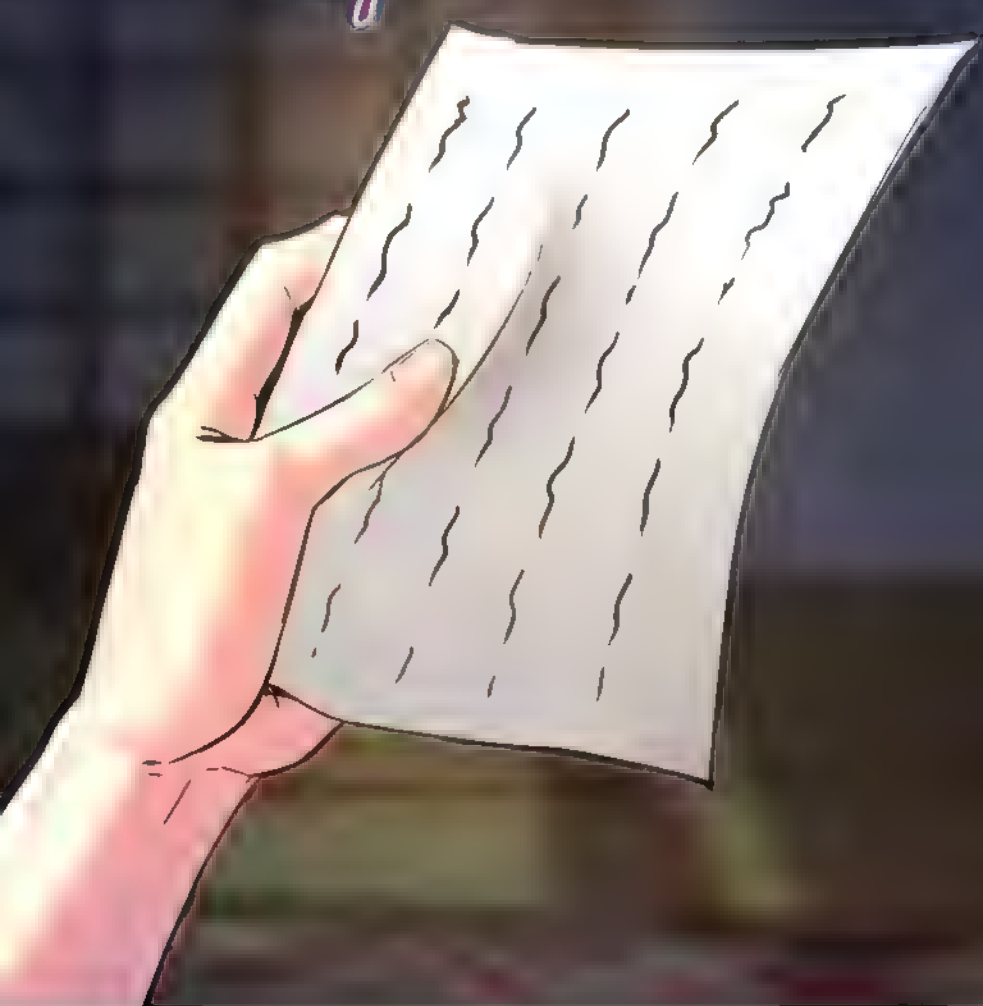




(EXCERPT) I'M DOING
PRETTY WELL, I HOPE YOU
CAN RETURN SOON. I MISS THE
TIMES WE SPENT TOGETHER.

I'LL END HERE,
YOUR BROTHER.

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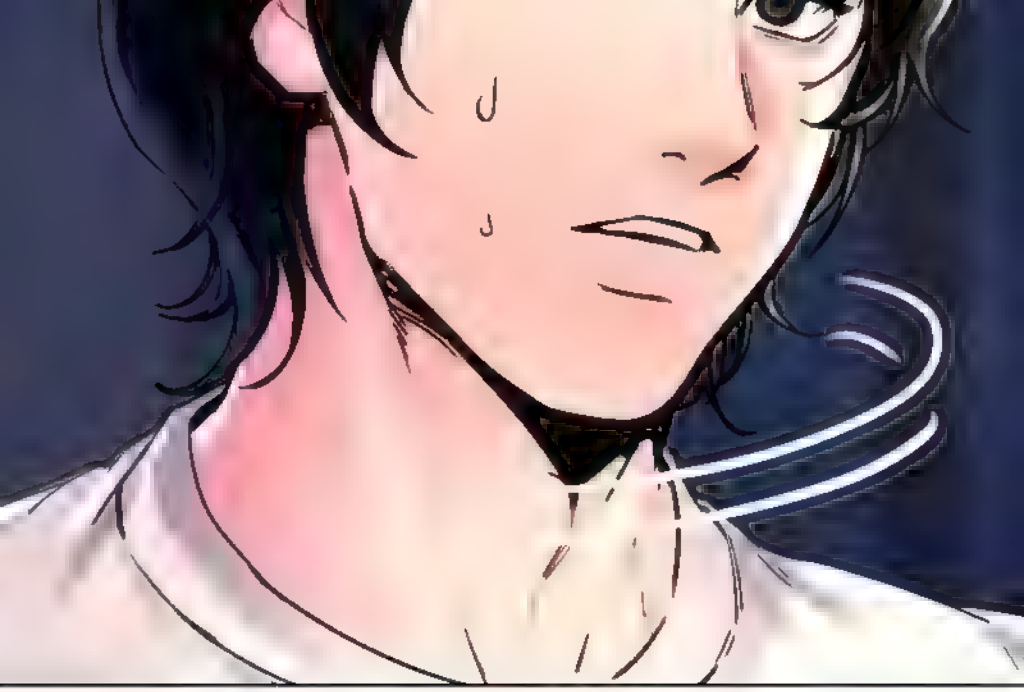


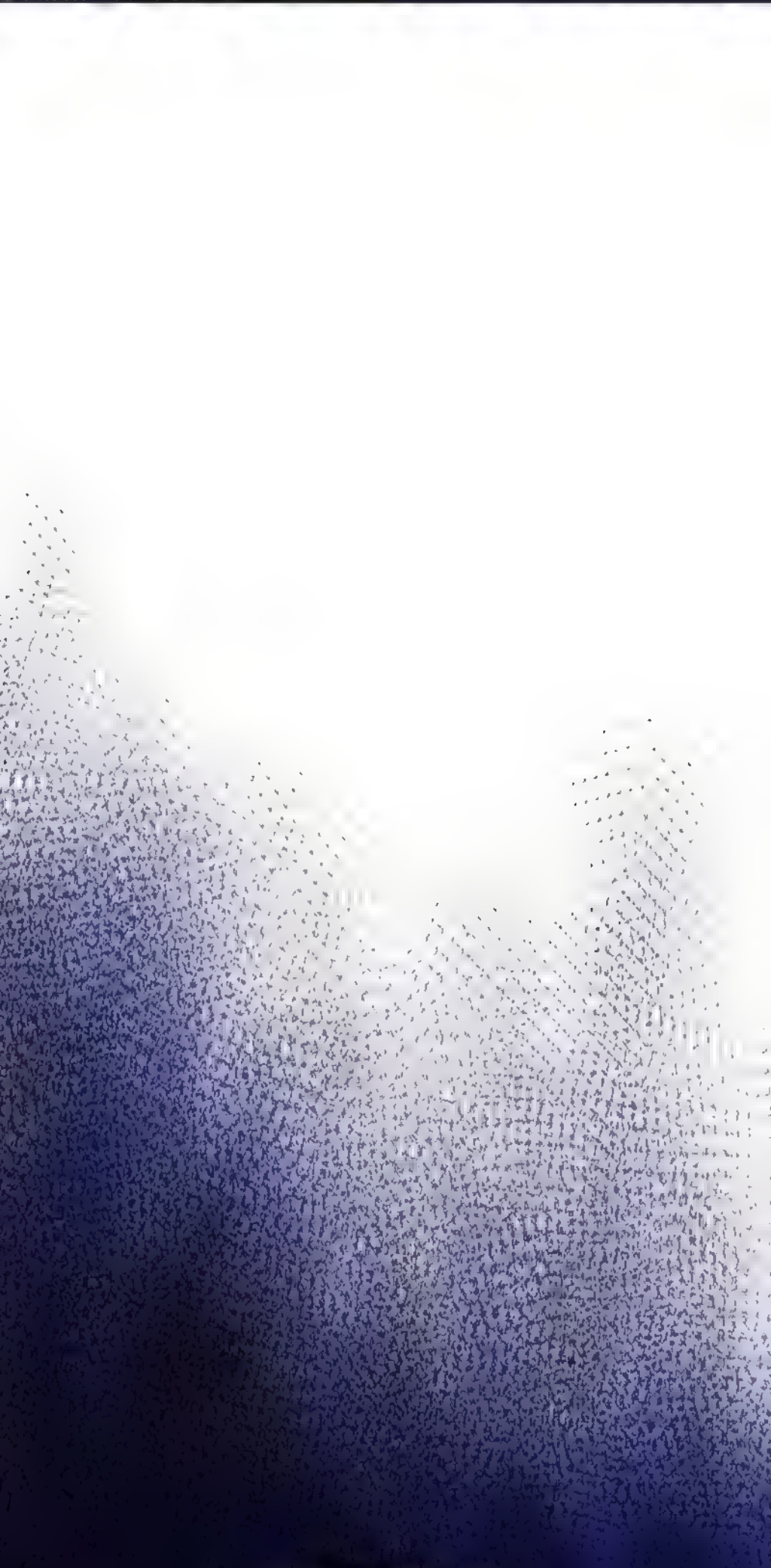


...WANT
TO...









THE PERSON
NEXT DOOR...

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP



IT'S LIGHTS
OUT, ISN'T IT!?

THUMP

WHAT'S...

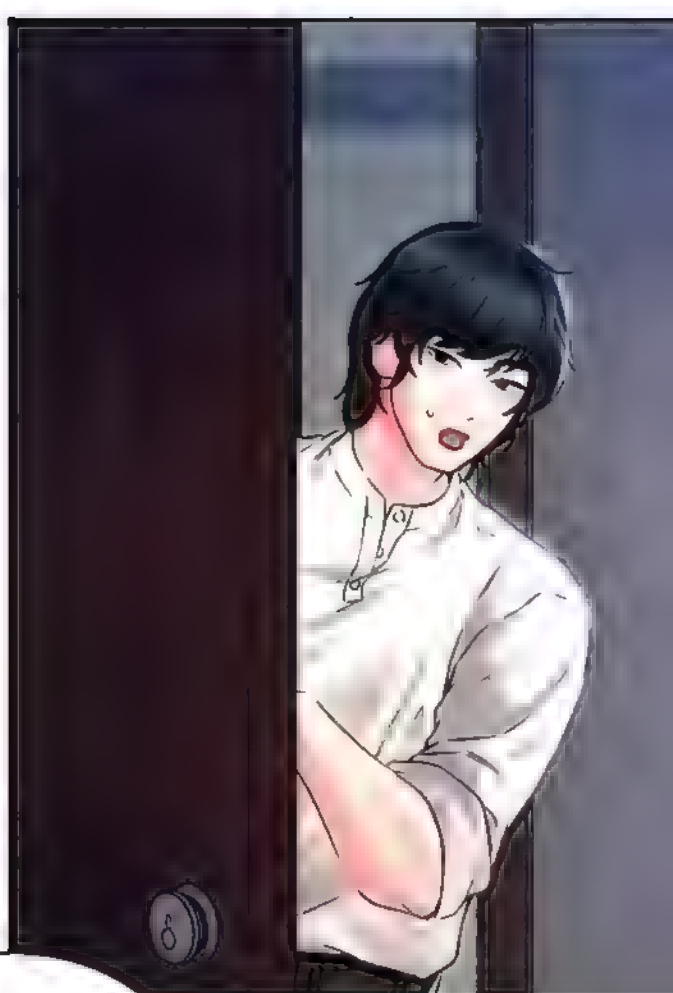
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GOING
ON...?

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ANYONE
THERE?

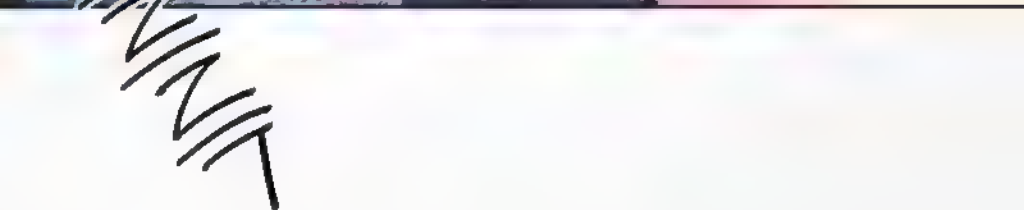
I'M THE
MANAGER
FROM THE
OUTHOUSE.

I HEARD A
LOUD NOISE
AND CAME
TO CHECK...

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DID YOU PERHAPS
FALL WHILE MOVING
FURNITURE IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE
NIGHT...?



HUH?!



LATE 1930S



GYEONGSEONG

THAT...



WAS THE...



APARTMENT...



WHERE...



SHE AND I
FIRST MET.





MODERN APARTMENT

GYEONGSEONG 1930

PICTURE KIM GON
STORY BAM PUREE
PRODUCTION SHEEPISH RAT
ASSISTANCE YOO DOYEON
WATER HORSE
GEUMGOKDONG HOT PANTS



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